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SUBJECT: IAEA SAFEGUARDS TRAINING

1. IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH MISOFF, DDG
BITTENCOURT (BRAZILIAN) INDICATED THAT AGENCY'S
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION HAS BEGUN RECEIVING
REQUESTS FOR TRAINING ASSISTANCE IN SAFEGUARDS,
NOTING SPECIFIC REQUESTS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND
ROK FOR FELLOWSHIPS IN THIS FIELD. HE ALSO
MENTIONED BRAZIL'S INTEREST IN THIS AREA, NOTING
THAT CNEN CHAIRMAN CARVALHO HAD TOLD HIM RECENTLY
OF PLANS TO ESTABLISH A "SAFEGUARDS DIVISION."

2. BATTENCOURT SAID THAT, WHILE AGENCY'S PREVIOUS
PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO KEEP SAFEGUARDS AND TECHNICAL
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ASSISTANCE COMPLETELY SEPARATE, HE IS CONVINCED

THAT TIMES ARE CHANGING AND THESE REQUESTS ARE CLEAR EVIDENCY OF THIS. HE SAID THAT, WHILE IT MAY BE TRUE THAT SAFEGUARDS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DO NOT RPT NOT MIX WELL, THE FACT IS THAT OIL AND VINEGAR ALSO DO NOT RPT NOT MIX WELL, YET "BOTH ARE ESSENTIAL FOR A GOOD SALAD DRESSING."

3. COMMENT: THIS DISCUSSION WAS PRIMARILY IN THE CONTEXT OF BITTENCOURT'S DESIRE TO STAKE OUT A ROLE FOR HIS DEPARTMENT IN CONDUCTING IAEA SAFEGUARDS TRAINING COURSES SIMILAR TO ITS ROLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT NUCLEAR POWER TRAINING COURSES, AND THUS, TO SOME EXTENT, HIS VIEWS MAY REFLECT A BUREAUCRATIC REACTION TO EVENTS. NEVERTHELESS, MISSION IS ENCOURAGED TO NOTE THIS DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY FACT THAT SOME COUNTRIES ARE BEGINNING TO FOCUS ON NEED FOR IMPROVING THEIR NATIONAL SAFEGUARDS PROGRAMS. WE SURMISE THAT INCREASED PUBLICITY ABOUT THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES, INCLUDING PUBLICATION OF INFCIRC/225 AND THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE LAST GENERAL CONFERENCE, HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD. IN FACT, WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE TOO SURPRISED TO SEE SOME REQUESTS COMING IN FOR ASSISTANCE ALSO IN THE PHYSICAL SECURITY AREA IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. THIS WOULD BE A HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT.TAPE

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